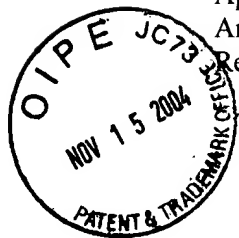


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the Office Action made final and mailed on May 14, 2004. A petition of extension of time and the appropriate fees in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17 accompany this response. In addition, a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and accompanying fees is herewith enclosed in compliance with 35 U.S.C 134 and 41 .

In view of the following Remarks/Arguments, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment believed necessary to bring the prosecution to a speedy conclusion and to deal justly by Applicant and the public. This Amendment does not require an additional search on the part of the Examiner and is believed by the Applicant

to define their invention in claims that will give them patent protection to which they are justly entitled. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and request and allowance of the claims pending in this Application.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page two (2) of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments that begin on page eight (8) of this paper.